

REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-9 and the indication that claims 11-13 and 16-18 include patentable subject matter. The Applicant has amended claims 11, 16 and 17 to be in independent form and submits that claims 11-13 and 16-18 are in condition for allowance. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 16 and is also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The Applicant has added new claims 19-24 which depend from allowed claims. The Applicant submits these claims are in condition for allowance.

The rejected claims have been canceled obviating the rejections. The Applicant believes the Examiner was reading the "coupled" term in claim 9 too broadly. New independent claim 25 clarifies the type of electrical connection that is used between the monitoring package and the power source. New claims 26-30 depend from claim 25 and are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner contends Phelan teaches a monitoring package (Fig. 1) and a power source (51) with the power source being "electrically coupled" to a micro-controller (42). To the contrary, the Applicant submits the Phelan power source (51) is directly connected to the micro-controller (42) with a conventional wire. This is the "conventional" connection described at column 6, line 4 of Phelan. The new pending claims require a power source to be electrically connected to the monitoring package through close proximity electromagnetic coupling to provide power to the monitoring package. All of the power connections in the Phelan reference are conventional hard wired connections. There is thus no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion of the recited

electrical coupling in the Phelan reference.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance for the claims.

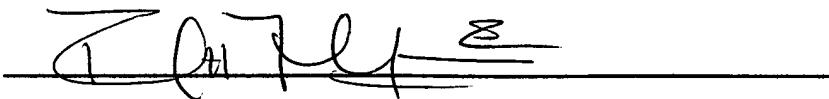
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